

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for use in a Web Services system comprising:
providing access to a data repository; and
providing shadow attributes for use in conducting searches of the data repository.
2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the shadow attributes store values case insensitively.
3. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising searching the shadow attributes according to a matching rule.
4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein an attribute representing an operator of the repository is not stored as an attribute.
5. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising storing an operational attribute based on a pre-calculated operation.
6. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the operational attribute relates to at least one of deleted Users and Service Projection status.
7. A computer recording medium including computer executable code for performing a method for use in a Web Services system comprising:
code for providing access to a data repository; and
code for providing shadow attributes for use in conducting searches of the data repository.
8. The computer recording medium as recited in claim 7, wherein the shadow attributes store values case insensitively.
9. The computer recording medium as recited in claim 7, further comprising code for searching the shadow attributes according to a matching rule.

10. The computer recording medium as recited in claim 7, wherein an attribute representing an operator of the repository is not stored as an attribute.

11. The computer recording medium as recited in claim 7, further comprising code for storing an operational attribute based on a pre-calculated operation.

12. The computer recording medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the operational attribute relates to at least one of deleted Users and Service Projection status.